

# Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.  
THURSDAY JULY 21, 1887.

## HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.  
TRAFFIC FARE SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:  
MAIL. MAIL.  
Going South: 7:55 A. M. and 8:10 P. M.  
Going North: 9:55 A. M. and 6:40 P. M.

Persons not subscribers who may at any time receive copies of the FREE PRESS, will please understand that they are sent simply as samples, in the hope that the parties addressed may like it well enough to favor us with their subscriptions.

Watermelons on ice at Little Blue Front.  
Ladies' hats, new styles, at DAILEY & BRO'S.

Finest five cent cigar in town, just received at Candy Factory.  
Received, car of barbed wire at J. H. GARY.

New lawns, ginghams, etc., just received. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.  
For all kinds of job work go to Mackin's shop.

Drunk ice cold soda pure out of fountain at Candy Factory and Blue Front.  
Remember you get 14 yards best prints at Dailey & Bro., for \$1.

Ice cream at Candy Factory and Blue Front.  
Geo. W. Knight, Jeweler, east side the Plaza, San Marcos.

We are still at the old Candy Factory stand. McCLELLAN.  
Bargains in men's and boys' straw hats, seersucker coats and vests, etc. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

I am no longer connected with the barber shop on the south side of the square. H. E. RUMMEL.

As it is not meet for man to be alone, my possessions, both real and personal, are for sale. One mile north of the city. San Marcos, July 15, '87. L. POWERS.

A nice stock of everything in the grocery line, sold as cheap as anyone for spot cash. We will not be undersold. H. HARDY & CO.

Lawns, organdies, laces, embroideries, notions in general at MARK DOWN prices. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

For sale, or trade for cattle, a good piano. Inquire of J. H. HARDY & CO.

I will rent my house furnished, with use of Jersey cow, for 3 or 4 months, or will sell for \$4,500. EMMA L. BROWN.

Now, Travis has got his new patent fencing loom in operation, and is prepared to fill orders at six cents per foot for a good common paling fence. Call and see it in operation.

Some people whose names we shall not call are trying to do without those coats or handkerchiefs for sale by J. W. Nance, but day by day they are melting down to the bottom of buying.

I want lowest prices on baled sorghum, and other hay, by the car load on board at San Marcos or Kyle. Address: Geo. Brazos, Barnum, Polk county, Texas.

"The Gem City Fencing Loom" is the name of the new machine now owned and operated by Newt Travis. It turns out a fence not only cheap but of the best quality, strong, durable and satisfactory. Call and satisfy yourselves.

The World Renowned Estey Organ. On easy terms. CHARTAIN & KNIGHT.

For Rent. House of 3 rooms near Corral Institute, good kitchen and waterworks, stables, etc. Apply to G. W. DONALDSON. June 23rd.

Dress Goods. In order to reduce our stock of seasonable dress goods, we give our customers the benefit of MARK DOWN prices. Come early as we have yet a splendid assortment. JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

A Card. I am happy to state to my friends and customers that I am again able to give my personal attention to filling any orders they may favor me with. All goods guaranteed and sold as cheap as the cheapest. R. W. LEAVELL.

Iron Roofing. Parties in need of roofing will find it to their interest to call on me before purchasing. Wm. Giesse. Agent for Porter Roofing Co.

For Sale. My residence in San Marcos, consisting of two large lots with improvements. The whole will be sold together, or the lots separately, to suit purchasers. Call on or address I. C. WOODSON. San Marcos. June 17th.

The citizens of San Marcos and surrounding country are invited to call and make the acquaintance of the St. Leonard Hotel, when they have business in San Antonio. No where in Texas can more comfortable, better food, or more home comfort be found, for \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day. We have tried it and advise others to do the same.

Lost Box.—Henry, son of John and Eliza Jackson, colored, of this place, left on the 14th. His mother wants him arrested and brought back. Was last seen going towards Kyle.

Congressman Crain, in a speech against the prohibition amendment in the opera house at Dallas, July 7, openly declared that if the amendment should be adopted he would not hesitate to evade it. This we heard with our own ears. His speech was a virtual suggestion to the people to violate the law, in the event of the adoption of the amendment. The liquor business is essentially lawless, and if our people throughout the country could hear the speeches of these whisky advocates they would vote solidly for prohibition.—Baptist Herald.

Get rid of that tired feeling as quick as possible. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla which gives strength, a good appetite, and health.

OLD NEWSPAPERS, for wrapping paper, 25c per 100, at this office.

## TO THE PROHIBITION PRESS.

An unblushing fraud is being perpetrated on the people of this State. It is a circular headed, "To the Prohibitionists of Texas—Hear the Call of your Chief! Prepare to Down the Whiskey Democrats in 1888." Then follows an appeal signed by John B. Finch, who is chairman of the National Executive Committee of Prohibitionists. The whole thing looks as though it was a document bearing on the campaign now going on in Texas. The circular was printed in Brooks & Wallace's office here in Waco and sent out my anti-prohibitionists. It is a trick to turn Democrats against the Amendment. The anti got hold of a circular issued by Mr. Finch to the National Prohibitionists in 1886. They have taken excerpts from that appeal, headed it as above described, and sent it out on its mission of mischief. It has been widely circulated & been sent to Prohibitionists who are known to be ardent Democrats. Mr. Finch never intended it for use in Texas; he never headed it; no Prohibitionist had anything to do with printing or distributing it. It is a fraud of the first water and intended to put the Prohibition cause in a false light that injury may result. Denounce and expose it, and do so promptly, that the people of Texas may know the truth and not be misled. Very respectfully, R. B. FARROR, Secretary Central Prohibition Com.

Melons in abundance.

Mercury 100° in the shade yesterday.

There will be services at the new Methodist church Kegley Hill on to-morrow (Friday) night.

Single copies of the FREE PRESS may be had at the office and also at the San Marcos bookstore.

The last week's Lookhart Register prints two or three hard digs at prohibition. Did the devil have control?

Remember the meeting of the Hays Co. Farmers' Association at the Court House on Saturday next at ten o'clock.

The bills of the proposed anti-prohibition meeting and barbecue on Saturday, read like a chapter out of Baron Munchausen.

The grade on the T. B. & H. is nearly finished, as we learn, and the trestle work of the temporary bridge over the Blanco is about complete.

The mercury has reached 98° at noon several days this week. But we noticed it has reached 104° at St. Louis and other Northern cities.

See card of H. E. Rummel, the popular barber. As will be seen he is fitting himself up nicely on the west side, next door to the Candy Factory.

Saloon keepers are excluded from membership in the Knights of Labor. How much better is an editor of a newspaper who champions the cause of the saloons?

The regular term of county court has been continued from Monday next to the next regular term, the 4th Monday in October. This does not affect probate business.

A copy of the San Marcos FREE PRESS of April 25th reached this office last Monday. Where has it been the last two months and a half?—Floresville Chronicle.

We have not the least idea.

The Cresset recently intimated that it only lately decided to take the anti-prohibition side. That is cool, when everybody knows that from the beginning it has had no reason for existing save to advocate the saloon interest.

To hear Mills and Cook the same day is a privilege that cannot be often enjoyed.—Cresset.

We think we are safe in saying that Mills will not be here next Saturday. The announcement is made to fly Cook's kite.

MARRIAGE LICENSES issued since our last report:

Richard Kyle to Dippie Franklin; John D. Bates to Annie Oliver; D. D. Patton to S. E. Harrison; E. M. Covert to Mrs. Jennie D. Criser; Henry Slaughter to Miss Lucinda O. Burleson; Eusebio Diaz to Damiana Sanchez; Polk Hedgespeth to Hattie Kennedy.

The editor of the Cresset is a member of the Knights of Labor, and assumes to be an instructor of laboring people. How, then, can he consistently eulogize Judge Cook, who has denounced the Knights, including Powderly, as cowards, incendiaries, cut throats, and the worst of criminals? We want to know! Also how the members of the Knights of Labor, Farmers' Alliance, of this section, and other organizations of laboring men, can feel or show any respect for such a man as Cook.

What could be more infamous than the following passage from the speech of one Joel Miller, of Austin, an anti-prohibition speaker? The passage occurred in his late speech at this place addressed to the colored people:

Colored men remember when they had to get a pass to go anywhere. I rejoice that they have the liberties they possess. These prohibitionists are trying to enslave a manure into the constitution that assumes that a majority have the right to take away the individual liberties of the minority. There is some prejudice against negro suffrage and the white majority is ten to one against the negro, and with precedents like this as sure as I am here they will try to take from you your right of suffrage.

Prohibition Meetings.

Dr. C. E. Fisher, of Austin, will address the people at the court house on Monday night next, and Messrs. Robinson and Kingsbury on the 28th.

Prohibition Club.

The sixth meeting of the club, Friday, July 15th. Capt. J. G. Storey called the meeting to order. After which the choir sang "Where the Rippling Waters Flow." Address by Jas. S. Killian. Song by Miss Nettie Beall and others. "Don't Go Out To-night, my Darling." Recitation by Melie Harper. Song by Chas. Hutchins. "Save the Boy." Recitation by Miss Ruby Thompson. Song by Miss Melie Harper and others. "Don't Go Out To-night, Tommy." Song by Chas. Hutchins. Committee on Program for the next meeting: S. R. Ross, E. L. Thomas, C. S. Levy. On Music: Chas. Hutchins, Thos. Richardson. J. G. Storey.

H. A. Loveland, Secy.

## In the Country.

We had long "laid off," at the invitation of friends, to visit that portion of the country on Oyster Creek and Long Branch. Unintentionally the trip went over into the present heated term, but plucking up resolution we determined to go anyhow. Accordingly last Sunday we rode out to the Methodist quarterly meeting in the new church on the historic Old San Antonio road, in the heart of that region. We found a beautiful country, well improved, similar to that about Science Hall. There were good crops of corn, cotton, sorghum, etc., but rain was much needed.

We should state that this was not quite our first visit to this section, for we recollect taking a tour in this direction soon after we came to this city in 1873, and calling at the old Coe farm homestead. It is one of the oldest settled parts of the county.

We attended services at the church, which stands by the roadside. The house is a good one, and shade trees only are needed to make the place attractive. We counted no less than thirty vehicles around the house, indicating a large attendance. The house is some 30x40 feet, and was well filled. Elder Horton regaled the audience with a two hours discourse on the doctrines of Christian holiness, which displayed much research, as well as earnestness. He argued that the doctrine of holiness was a prime distinctive one of original Methodism. He was assisted in the communion service by Rev. Mr. Passmore, the pastor in charge, and the venerable local minister, Rev. Mr. Rylander.

This vicinity is the home of a number of our old subscribers, the Davises, Bosts, Jacksons, J. S. Brown, I. B. Rylander, etc., etc., and we met many friendly greetings and invitations to dinner. Our earliest engagement being with our young friend, Mr. T. J. Davis, we went home with him. The family consists of himself, wife and baby, his mother, sister, Miss Belle, and youngest brother Henry. An aunt, too, his father's sister, and who reminded us of the late Dr. Davis, was present, but whether as a visitor or member of the family we did not learn.

The baby is named Winnie, after the younger daughter of the president of the late Confederacy, and we were shown a nice letter from her, thanking the parents for the honor paid her, and wishing all good luck to her fair little namesake. Here we had the pleasure of meeting Elder Horton, whom we found to be an old Texan and ex-temperance editor, and of course a well-informed gentleman, in whose conversation we were quite interested. Geo. Piper, a venerable North Carolinian, without guile, who's settled in this neighborhood, was also one of the guests of the occasion.

After partaking of an excellent dinner Mr. Davis showed us over a part of his farm, which indicated careful cultivation and judicious management. We have found him to be a rather original cast of mind, and a thrifty and progressive farmer. His older brother, J. E. Davis, lives near by, and is also an enterprising and successful farmer.

After a good rest we returned in the cool of the evening, somewhat fatigued, but pleased with our trip, which we hope to repeat at a cooler season.

Mr. Representative McGeehee's Connection with Advertising the Amendments.

The various Cresset speaks of our "weekly attacks on Mr. McGeehee." Our interesting contemporary must have been thinking of his own attacks on Squire Cook. Only once before our recent notices had we referred to Mr. McGeehee in the way of criticism. Avoiding the Cresset's bad example, we shall proceed to state, once for all, the facts in regard to the above subject, to the best of our knowledge and belief. If we err in any essential point, our columns will be open to Mr. McGeehee for correction.

Last spring we wrote Mr. McGeehee as our representative, and as a neighbor, asking him that inasmuch as we had no personal acquaintance with the secretary of State, to call on that official in our behalf, and say we would like to have the advertisement of the constitutional amendments, and our paper having unquestionably the largest circulation of any in the county we felt that we were fairly entitled to it. Mr. McGeehee soon after wrote us a friendly letter, stating that he had called on the secretary as we had requested, and submitted our letter to him.

Weeks passed on—the time of advertisement arrived—and the amendments appeared in the Cresset. We were satisfied that there had been some influential interference against us, but with all our knowledge of Mr. McGeehee's peculiarities, we were scarcely prepared to believe that he was the party involved, not being conscious of having given him any offense whatever. On the contrary, as our readers will probably recollect, not only through its Austin correspondent, but editorially, the FREE PRESS had given him complimentary notice. But we were soon informed that he himself had revealed his agency in the matter, that in front of Glover's bank he had narrated it to a company of gentlemen substantially as follows: He stated the facts of our correspondence about as we have done, and went on to say that we would unquestionably have got the advertising, worth, as he estimated, \$150, had it not been that just before the letting, we published an editorial or something of other which displeased him. That thereupon he hastened to Hull, who was not posted on the subject, got him to make out a bid and to get on the cars with him (McGeehee) for Austin, where they interviewed the Secretary of State and had the case reversed and the advertising was given to the Cresset. (By the way, Mr. McGeehee, having as we are assured, made this statement publicly, as if he considered it something to boast of, surely cannot justly complain of our public reference to the subject.) What representations were made to the secretary to influence his action against us, whether that we were in the habit of expressing our opinions in our own way, without taking anybody's leave; whether that we were a "temperance fanatic," and hence unfriendly to the present State administration and unworthy to share in its favors; whether because we had supported and eulogized John H. Reagan (which we shrewdly surmise is where the shoe pinched) or whether because, as a citizen of Indiana, twenty-five years ago, we were shrewdly suspected of not being "sound on the goose"—we can only conjecture. We pass the subject, leaving every citizen to form his own opinion of the action of our representative in this matter.

## AN OLD PIONEER'S TRAGIC END.

Wm. C. Pitts Falls Down Stairs and is Killed—His Last Recollections, a Paper of Melancholy Interest.

Coming down to our office on Tuesday morning we were inexpressibly shocked to learn of the sudden death of the venerable William C. Pitts, better known as Uncle Billy Pitts, on Monday night, at the residence of his son-in-law, Maj. Bishop. It seems he had gone up stairs to listen to some singing by the young people present, and on leaving some how missed his footing and fell to the foot of the stairs, breaking his neck and otherwise seriously injuring himself by falling on a chair. Of course his death was immediate.

We were the more impressed by this melancholy event from the fact that he was in our office during the day, and attracted our special notice by his late appearance and spirit, animated conversation. Just after the late celebration of the 4th, learning that he had given some interesting reminiscences of the grounds, etc., we called on him through our paper to furnish his recollections for our columns, which he soon after informed us he would do. Accordingly on Monday he brought in his manuscript, stating that he thought he would add another installment to complete the subject. Below will be found the article which he handed us, and we learn some portion of a continuation of the subject was found on his person when he came to his untimely end. We say untimely, for although he had reached the advanced age of 84, he seemed good for many more years of life enjoyable to himself and giving interest and pleasure to his wide circle of relatives and friends.

It is not for us to sketch the life of this venerable pioneer citizen, so well known in this part of Texas. We, however, have known him for over a dozen years, as one of the landmarks of the early history of this region, as a good citizen, a good and fervently religious man. Much of his conversation at his last call on Monday related to the great question of Prohibition, of which he was an ardent advocate, and his last words to us were a fervent aspiration for the success of that measure.

But we will not further detain the reader from the last written memorial of this good man. The MS. is bold and legible, though he remarked that his hand was becoming less steady than it had been:

THINGS SAID AND DONE IN 1847 AND 1848.

On the 9th day of April, 1847, John D. Pitts, William Bagley, William O. Pitts and families all crossed the San Marcos river at the ford where the bridge now is. Part of Capt. H. E. McCullough's company of Rangers were here camped where Mr. Wren's house now stands. A few small log houses near the river. Some time in 1847 Gen. Burleson and Major Lindsey donated the lot (where the barbecue was a few days ago, the 4th of July), for a school house, and named the hill "Lamar Hill," for Mirabeau B. Lamar, one of the Presidents of the Republic of Texas. Some time in that year the few men that were here built a log house for a school house on that hill. Before that house was done we had a school here, taught by Miss Sarah Pitts, now the widow Randle, at the end of that 3 months school, the school commenced on the hill. I will try to recollect the scholars, the girls first: Miss Sarah Cheatham, now the wife of Capt. Storey; Miss Ann E. Pitts, now the wife of Capt. Turner; Miss Dollie Pitts, now the wife of Robert Rylander; Miss Mary Moon, now the wife of Mr. Wootton; and his sister, Miss Marie Young, who became the wife of Ed. L. Green, now dead; Miss Elizabeth Young, now the wife of Mr. Ford, of Austin; I think that is all the girls. Now the boys: Sam Allen, Singleton Allen, Clay Cheatham, Charles Faler, William Bagley, Ross Bagley, William A. Pitts, John Sessom, J. G. Sessom, G. Morris, Joseph Burleson, if any more I do not now recollect. The first teacher was Mr. Farley, the next was Mr. Morris. In 1848 the school was moved from the Lamar Hill to town, and taught in a small log house built by a Mr. George Donaldson, and in that the first Sunday School in San Marcos met. The first Church organized in San Marcos was the Methodist Church, and was organized in John D. Pitts' house, where David Coe's house is now. Ministers Jas. Thompson, lives near Seguin, and A. B. Kerr, those two were sent by the conference to this circuit. M. Yell was the Presiding Elder. The first that joined the church were W. C. Pitts and wife, John D. Pitts and wife, Edward Pitts, Mrs. Faler, Thos. McGeehee and wife, and I think Mrs. Sessom. The first quarterly meeting was in the house that William Owens built for a store house. On Saturday night Miss Grace Burleson was converted, the first conversion in San Marcos. The first baptism by immersion was a man by the name of John Anderson from Seguin, a tanner, and was the son-in-law of Major Enkin, baptized by A. B. F. Kerr, the next was Gen. E. Burleson by A. B. F. Kerr, and I was walking from the river he (Gen. Burleson) said to me, I have fought many a battle and gained many, but this is the greatest victory of them all, alluding to his conversion and joining the church. When Mr. Exell and Mr. Leatherwood got their mill done sawed some plank and we built a house on the lot now in front of Maj. Hutchinson's house, the lot now vacant. That house served for a church house, school house and a court house until we could do better.

The first barbecue at San Marcos was on the 4th of July, 1847, the table was at the river just below where the bridge is now, and a fine barbecue it was, the fattest pig, the fattest beef, and the finest venison, and turkeys, chickens, pies, vegetables, and never was there one enjoyed better, we had a speech from Col. Parker. Many good toasts. I remember one given by Col. Milton Swisher: "Gen. Burleson, rather than to make bridges," (given in allusion to San Jacinto fight.) The 4th came on Sunday, we had the dinner on the third. We put up a Liberty Pole and hoisted the old flag high up, and after the fun was over we wanted to get the flag down, the rope got fast in the wheel at the top of the pole, so one could climb to the top so we concluded we would shoot the wheel out and not hurt the rope. Bagley shot first, I shot second, J. D. Pitts third, and split the wheel and down came the rope, James L. Malone now owns the gun that Pitts shot with at the wheel. I made one ball cotton

put a slow match and when it went off it came near shaking the hill. About the same time Lindsey Burleson Bagley was born. The pole was put near the center of the square at that time, just in front of Mr. McAllister's store now, that was near the center of the square at that time. It has been so long it is hard to recollect everything right. W. C. Pitts.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. Geo. Hutchins is around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Hankla are at Asheville, N. C.

Prof. Holtzclaw of Dupre, was in town Tuesday.

Our people all regret the death of Col. Sneed, of Austin.

Prof. Reese, of Louisiana, a friend of Mr. Talbot, is taking in our town and vicinity.

Mr. Gee has given up the San Marcos Hotel and returned as we learn to Burleson county.

Judge Pleasant, district judge of one of our lower districts, was in the city on yesterday.

We hear the address of L. H. Browne at the Oyster Creek church last week highly spoken of.

George Kysor, was up from Luling Tuesday. He is still in the livery business at that place.

Mrs. Rounsavall and children, Miss Laura and Mr. Jesse Yates came down from Waco a few days ago on a visit.

Mr. W. P. Irion turned up on Friday last to see the folks. We were glad to see him in good health and spirits.

Jacobson & Co., have opened a dry goods store in the McKie two story building on the west side of the square.

Major W. O. Hutchinson and wife have returned after a visit to the beautiful little seaside city of Corpus Christi.

We forgot to mention last week a pleasant call from Col. W. D. Carey. He is now traveling for the Galveston News.

An enterprising citizen of Wimberley came down Tuesday and cashed a lot of wild cat notes at the county treasury.

Mr. J. S. Watson has fitted up his millinery store in very fine style. He has his residence in connection therewith, which makes it very convenient.

We have a letter for our next from Jay E. Hunter, of Los Angeles. He was about starting on a month's trip to Alaska, and promises to let us hear from him.

An audacious thief stole a valuable horse belonging to Hugh McGeehee last week in broad day light. The animal was hitched in front of Mr. McGeehee's place of business.

Miss Janie Pessels, a talented and attractive young lady of Austin accompanied by her friend, Miss Wassendorf, is visiting our city, the guest of Mrs. and Mr. W. H. Steele.

G. W. Holland, col., who is farming on Col. Henderson's place, left at our office on Monday several bales of thoroughly ripened cotton. Hays county's first bale may soon be expected.

Dr. Bell returned Sunday night from Louisiana whither he was called on professional business. The Messrs. Foster, relatives of the Doctor's came with him to see the country.

The funeral of W. C. Pitts, took place on Tuesday at the Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Biggs preached an appropriate sermon. He was buried by the Masonic fraternity of which he was a member.

Mrs. J. D. Malone, and Mrs. Allie D. Rousavall, principals of the School of Elocution and Dramatic Art of Dallas, are spending several weeks in San Marcos, guests of Mrs. Prescott on College street.

Arthur Storey, Esq., or to distinguish him from the rest of the family, "Anti-prohibition" Storey, was over from Lockhart to hear the Sand-hill from the shooting district Tuesday night.

Mr. A. Y. Oldham has just returned from Kansas, where he chipped his horses. He will start again in a few days. He says that under the new law prohibition absolutely prohibits and that he regards it as a success in Kansas.

We were pained to hear of the death of Mrs. Ona Moad (nee Hollarworth). She spent a year in this vicinity about a dozen years since, and will be remembered by many of our readers. She died at Brooklyn Iowa, of consumption. We shall at our earliest leisure prepare a suitable obituary of our gifted young friend.

Mrs. C. H. Jackson, wife of Doctor Jackson, writes from Kansas City ordering the FREE PRESS, and adds: "A copy containing an account of the San Antonio outrage, was sent to me, upon which my blood went up to and beyond the boiling point and there remained. With heartfelt good wishes that the work of yourself and co-laborers in the good cause of Prohibition may be abundantly fruitful, I remain yours very truly."

Staples' Store.

A fishing party from San Marcos took their homeward flight this morning. One of the boys was in a whole boggle, and in order to let his feet see awhile (the crops I reckon) he of course reversed ends with part of himself.

The Farmers' Alliance of this place still have their head and, no matter, they have invested \$3000 in the mill formerly owned by Griffin Bros. Will purchase new machinery, also an elevator.

Geo. Howard returned from Mexico last Monday, but hasn't yet made any report of the far west.

After two years of boom experience W. P. Holmes has returned with his family leaving the elephant behind, and reports that "tail hole" is rather short on the monster.

Now since the "working jacket" (old hickory shirt) is laid off and the plow horses are set up in the left for the rats to know on till cotton picken time, "ball face shirts and choice rags" have been got down from where we put them last recreation (last Christmas) and now every morning when time comes to get up, instead of seeing an old pair of ducks with one leg nearly off, hanging on the bed post by the torn off patch of their basement, and a pair of brogans sitting all over the floor heel on top, ready to be put on when the quiet monotony of chickenhood is broken, while the socks we threw off in the dark, may be sticking to the wall or chewed up by the cats, now instead, we see a clean shirt (bald face) hanging on a chair, while the old hickory is packed away in the smoke house so that we may save it, our easy pants we slip on, and not the old case rumpled rags. Gentlemen at leisure, only to be haunted in our dreams by our old ducks' appearing before us. We are now loitering in the vegetable kingdom, beans, cabbage, toads, rouse in ears, water melons and potatoes, pumpkins, together with the casker, taking nothing about the cucumber, is our toll of fare at present, other varieties have passed over.

Your humblest, "JACKET."

### WOMEN BROWN'S IRON BITTERS

THE BEST TONIC.

This medicine combines iron with pure vegetable tonic, and is invaluable for Diseases resulting from Women, and all who lead sedentary lives. It enriches and Purifies the Blood, stimulates the Appetite, strengthens the Muscles and Nerves—in fact, thoroughly invigorates the system. It does not constipate, and makes the skin smooth. It also has been beneficial to my children.

Mrs. ELIZABETH BAIRD, 14 Pearl Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., says under date of Oct. 20th, 1886: "I have used Brown's Iron Bitters, and it has been more than a doctor to me, having cured me of the weakness which I have in life. Also cured me of Liver Complaint, and now my complexion is clear and good. Has also been beneficial to my children."

Mrs. LOUISA C. BRADSHAW, East Lockport, N. Y., says: "I have suffered untold misery from Female Complaints, and could obtain relief from nothing except Brown's Iron Bitters. It has cured me of my troubles, and I would advise every woman to use it." BROWN CHEMICAL CO., BALTIMORE, MD.

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My Stock is Complete in all departments, and I respectfully ask inspection by the closest buyers. Will guarantee satisfaction. Farmers in need of Planters should not fail to secure the CHAMPION for which I am agent. The Champion will pay for itself in one season, in the way of Chopping Cotton alone.

BRADLEY'S CULTIVATORS AND DOUBLE SHOVELS.

PETER SCHUTTLE AND TENNESSEE WAGONS.

WOODS' MOWERS AND RAKES.

Gratified for the liberal patronage I have received from the people of Hays and adjoining counties, I shall endeavor to give satisfaction by fair dealing with all. All goods marked in plain figures.

Respectfully,

J. V. HUTCHINS,

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### FASHIONABLE MILLINERY

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Having opened a complete line of the above-named goods at the well-known fashion store recently occupied by Misses Lotzspeich & Baker, I am prepared to supply the demand of the trade at as low figures as can be found in the market, and I respectfully invite the ladies of San Marcos and vicinity to inspect my stock and prices before purchasing. I am now closing out my summer hats at New York cost prices. New goods constantly arriving.

### WEDDING TROUSSEAU

and special orders will receive personal attention by our correspondents in New York and Philadelphia. Mrs. MARTIE WATSON will be pleased to show you goods whether you buy or not. Respectfully,

J. S. WATSON.

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